

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Patrick BRIOT et al. : Examiner: Unassigned

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING OILS WITH A HIGH VISCOSITY INDEX

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, Line 1: Delete “claim 1 or”.

Claim 4, Line 1: Delete “any one of claims 1 to 3” and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 5, Line 1: Delete “any one of claims 1 to 4” and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 6, **Line 1:** Delete “any one of claims 1 to 5” and insert --claim 4--.

Line 2: Delete “the”.

Claim 7, Line 1: Delete “any one of claims 1 to 6” and insert --claim 1--.

Line 2: Delete “formed by” and insert --consisting of--.

Claim 8, **Line 1:** Delete “any one of claims 1 to 7” and insert --claim 1--.

Line 2: After “range” insert --of--.

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